



# 2017 CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 1:00 pm**

**Theme: Louisiana Christmas**

**THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.  
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

Individual or Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Participant Group or Individual:**

Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Name of Float: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Float:**

# 2017 CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

1. No live Santa Clauses, other than the Jambalaya Festival Association's Santa, may appear in the Parade. Pictures of Santa will be permitted.
2. Sign-in is required the day of the parade. A registration table will be set up in front of the E.A. High School office. All walkers and float drivers are required to check-in upon arrival. A float number will be given to each participant at this time.
3. This parade will be televised therefore each entrant must fill out and return the attached **COMPLETED INFORMATION SHEET** and **ENTRY FORM** on the group/float. The Commentators will use this for historical/descriptive verbiage during the broadcast. (See Attached Form)
4. Parade entries should be defined to school marching groups individual cars carrying dignitaries, and floats decorated in accordance with the parade theme. Vehicles such as motorcycles, go-carts and "low-rider" trucks, or "mud" trucks are not allowed to pull floats that are entered in the parade.
5. Each entry is required to provide a minimum of 8 walkers (adults - over 18 years of age) to help keep crowds away from the float/group. If you do not have walkers the day of the parade, your entry **WILL NOT** be allowed to roll. If this should occur, no refunds on registration will be issued. Additionally, walkers are required to wear orange vests, which may be purchased from the JFA at the registration table for a nominal fee. This rule applies to all entries, including marching groups.
6. Parade entries that throw items such as candy or trinkets must supervise small children throwing to ensure that the items are thrown a safe distance from the float. **NO DRIVER** of any vehicle in the parade is allowed to throw to the crowd! Additionally, if a vehicle is pulling a float then no one in the vehicle may throw to the crowd. **DO NOT** hand items to individuals on the street! **DO NOT** throw items to the crowd in a manner that may cause injury!
7. The Jambalaya Festival Association reserves the right to remove any entry deemed unacceptable.
8. All entries are required to sign a waiver of liability in favor of the JFA and the City of Gonzales.
9. Entries will receive information regarding the line-up procedure prior to the day of the parade.
10. **Line-up begins at 8:00 A.M. AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN UNTIL THAT TIME. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN PLACE BY 11:00 A.M. FOR JUDGING.**
11. Entries will be judged in four categories: Overall Appearance, Use of Theme, Creativity/Originality, and Effort.
12. The parade will roll at 1:00 P.M. promptly.
13. Any alcohol or the use of alcohol is strictly prohibited! (Breath tests will be conducted by the Gonzales City Police Department for each driver, with no legal consequences.)
14. Only Christmas music is to be played by any entry. No music containing vulgar words, phrases or references will be tolerated. The parade is family-oriented and the JFA reserves the right to expel anyone not abiding to this guideline, with no refund given.
15. Only necessary vehicles will be allowed on the school grounds. If you are a group and would like to arrive via bus, please make arrangements with the JFA. If small children need to be escorted to their entry number, please plan to park in one of the lots on the City Hall side of Irma Blvd. and walk the child to his/her entry location. No vehicles will be allowed in the parade line up site area to drop off participants.

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ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Money Order Check or Money Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYABLE TO: JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEC. CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Type Of Entry:  Dignitary  Car  Fire  Truck  Float  School Band

**REQUIRED FLOAT INFORMATION:** (One float per registration form.)

What is the total length, including the vehicle pulling the float? \_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_ in. What is the overall height? \_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_ in. (YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE GIVEN A POSITION IN THE PARADE LINE-UP WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION COMPLETED.)

**CATEGORY FOR JUDGING:**  Industrial Commercial  Civic/Religious  Child

**Registration Fees: \$250 (\$200 for Non-Profit Organizations) Car Rider: \$50 LATE FEE: \$100**

**No Registrations taken after 11/18/17. Must be pre-registered to participate.**

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**Please Note: You must supply a minimum of four walkers for each entry, this includes marching groups. Your entry WILL NOT be allowed to roll the day of the parade without walkers (orange vest REQUIRED - refer to rule # 5). No refunds on registration day will be issued if this should occur. NO Golf carts will be allowed WITHOUT ADVANCE PERMISSION from the parade committee.**

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The Jambalaya Festival Association, the City of Gonzales, and the Gonzales City Police Department are not responsible for any injuries or other liabilities that may arise as a result of participation in or viewing of the 2017 Ascension Christmas Parade. I have read the Christmas Parade rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not provide a minimum of four walkers that my float or group will not roll and my registration fee will not be reimbursed.

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this entry form along with your appropriate entry fee to:**

Jambalaya Festival Association, P.O. Box 1243, Gonzales, LA 70707

Phone: (225) 647-2937 JFA | Web Site: [www.jambalayafestival.org](http://www.jambalayafestival.org) | E-mail: [jamfestassociation@gmail.com](mailto:jamfestassociation@gmail.com)